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BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

Introducing--The **SPELLBINDER!**
AND AS FAR AS **BATMAN**
IS CONCERNED, THAT'S ONE
INTRODUCTION HE'D LIKE
TO **BUY BACK!**



INFANTINO
+
GIELLA

SUPERMAN

"PENNIES for UNICEF!"



SAY, JOE, ARE YOU GOING TO COLLECT HALLOWEEN TREATS OF PENNIES FOR UNICEF TONIGHT?

ME? I'M GOING TO GET ALL THE CANDY BARS AND COOKIES AND PENNIES FOR MYSELF! ANYHOW, WHAT GOOD WOULD PENNIES DO FOR UNICEF?

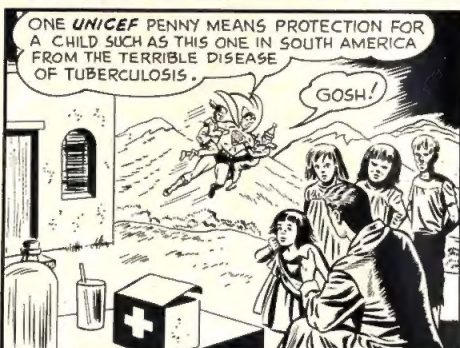


SUPERMAN!

THE BEST WAY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, JOE, IS TO TAKE YOU BOYS ON A LITTLE TRIP ACROSS THE OCEAN SO YOU CAN SEE FIRST HAND HOW YOUR PENNIES HELP UNICEF TO HELP OTHERS.



ONE UNICEF PENNY MEANS SIX CUPS OF MILK FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN IN THIS VILLAGE IN ASIA.

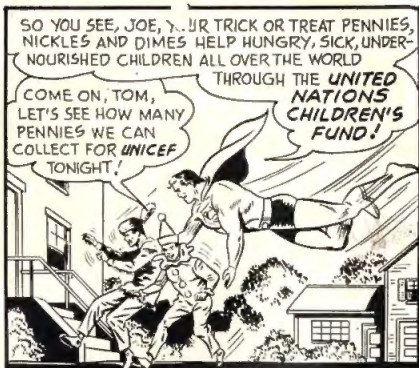


ONE UNICEF PENNY MEANS PROTECTION FOR A CHILD SUCH AS THIS ONE IN SOUTH AMERICA FROM THE TERRIBLE DISEASE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

GOSH!



ONE UNICEF PENNY PROVIDES FIVE VITAMIN CAPSULES TO HELP KEEP AFRICAN BOYS AND GIRLS HEALTHY.



SO YOU SEE, JOE, YOUR TRICK OR TREAT PENNIES, NICKLES AND DIMES HELP HUNGRY, SICK, UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN ALL OVER THE WORLD

COME ON, TOM, LET'S SEE HOW MANY PENNIES WE CAN COLLECT FOR UNICEF TONIGHT!

THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND!



BATMAN

With **ROBIN THE BOY WONDER**



HOLY CIRCUS
ACTS! HOW DOES
THIS NEW COSTUMED
CROOK EXPECT TO
STOP US BY DOING
CARTWHEELS?
UHH-- HE'S ALREADY
STOPPED BATMAN
COLD!



BOB
KANE

**SPELLBINDER WAS THE
STARTLING NEW CRIMINAL'S
NAME--AND SPELLBINDING
WAS HIS POWER OVER
BATMAN!**

SUBTLY, LIKE A SPIDER-WEB
OF SHEER STEEL, THE EERIE
FORCE EMANATING FROM THE
OP ART VILLAIN ENVELOPED
THE MIND OF THE MASKED
MANHUNTER, GRIPPING HIM
INEXORABLY IN--

the **CIRCLE** of **TERROR!**

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THE WITCHING HOUR OF MIDNIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY, AND A GANG OF CROOKS IS JUST CONCLUDING A PROFITABLE VENTURE...

THIS RARE COIN COLLECTION WILL MEAN PLENTY OF COIN FOR US, SPELLBINDER!

TRUST ME--AND YOU'LL NEVER GO WRONG!



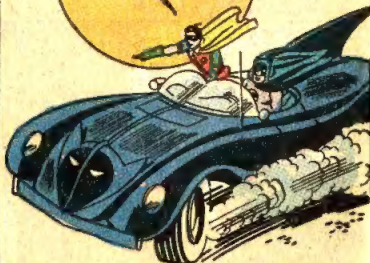
SPELLBINDER?

WHO HE? PATIENCE, READER, THE TRUTH WILL OUT--EVEN IN COMIC MAGS!

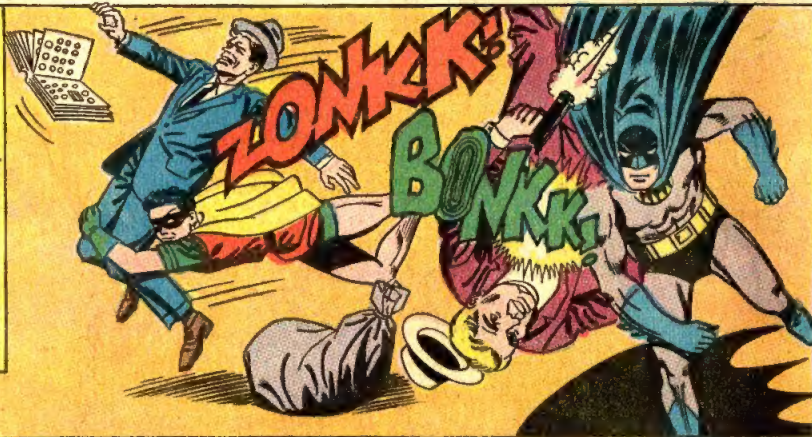
AT THIS MOMENT, CRUISING BY ON PATROL...

LOOK, BATMAN--WE'RE IN BUSINESS!

AT THEM, ROBIN!



ALMOST WITH THE FORMALITY OF A BALLET THE CONFLICT IS JOINED... BUT THIS IS A REAL CONFLICT AND THOSE ARE REAL BULLETS SINGING IN THE NIGHT...

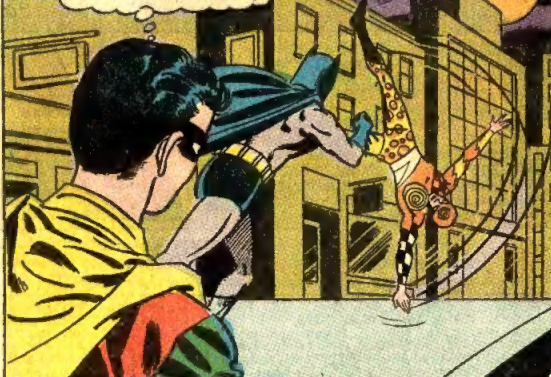


SPELLBINDER, YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE CARE OF BATMAN AND ROBIN IF WE RAN INTO THEM--!

RELAX, DIPSY! I WON'T LET YOU DOWN!

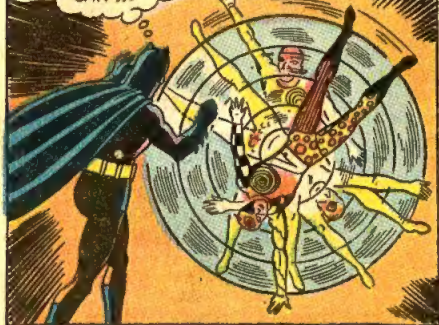


HOLY CIRCUS ACTS! AS BATMAN WENT AT HIM, THAT COSTUMED CROOK CALLED SPELLBINDER BEGAN TURNING CARTWHEELS! NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!



ABRUPTLY, THE MASTER DETECTIVE STOPS SHORT IN HIS TRACKS...

...THAT UNIFORM OF HIS... MAKING A STRANGE PATTERN AS HE GOES AROUND!... THE STRANGEST PATTERN I EVER SAW...



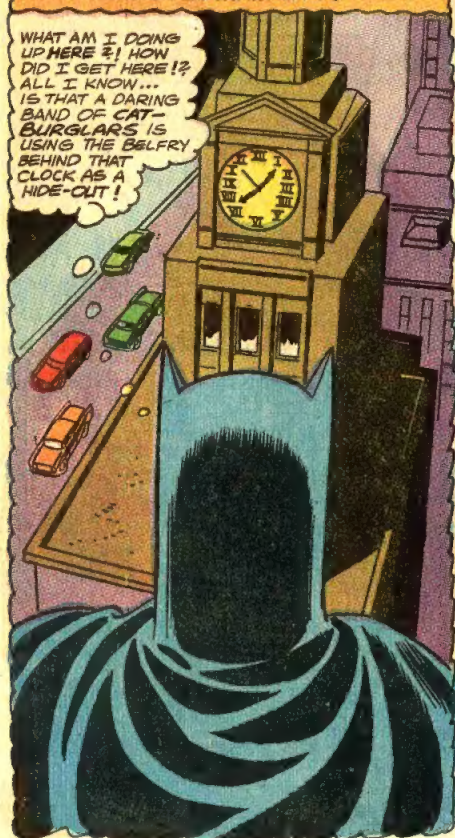
JUST WHAT IS THE MASKED MANKINTER SEEING? LET'S PEER INTO HIS EYES -- CLOSE... CLOSER...



A CLOCK IN EACH EYE! BATMAN'S BECOME CLOCK-EYED!

THE CLOCK IS THE GREAT ILLUMINATED ONE ATOP THE LIFETIME PUBLICATIONS BUILDING IN MIDTOWN GOTHAM CITY!

WHAT AM I DOING UP HERE? HOW DID I GET HERE!? ALL I KNOW... IS THAT A DARING BAND OF CAT-BURGARS IS USING THE BELFRY BEHIND THAT CLOCK AS A HIDE-OUT!



WITH THE AID OF HIS BATROPE, THE CAPED CRUSADER SWINGS THROUGH SPACE...

THEY'VE BEEN TERRORIZING THE CITY BY NIGHT! I'VE GOT TO CAPTURE THEM!



MADE IT! AND -- THERE'S ONE OF THEM NOW -- COMING OUT ON THE CLOCK WITH A GUN --!



INSTANTLY, THE MUSCLE-PACKED FRAME OF THE MIGHTY MANHUNTER PLUNGES TOWARD HIS Foe...

MY BEST BET--
TO SLIDE
ALONG THIS
HUGE
SECOND
HAND
AT HIM--!



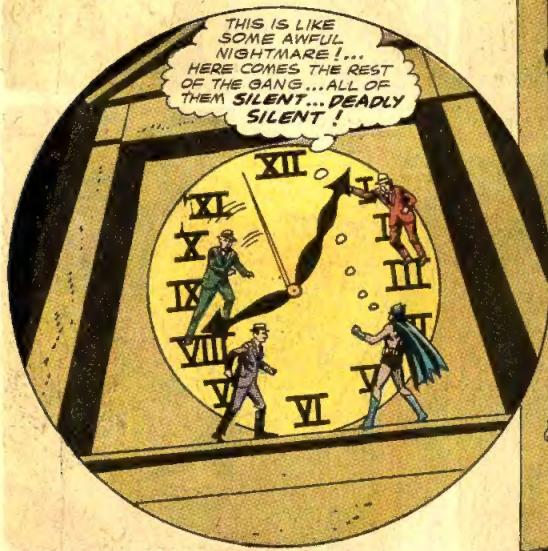
STRANGE!
I LANDED ALL
RIGHT... HIT HIM WITH ALL
MY MIGHT... BUT HE MADE
NO SOUND! NO SOUND
AT ALL!



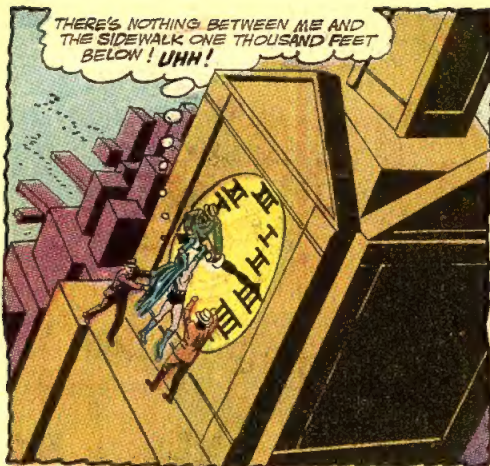
GRABBING HOLD OF THE GIANT SECOND HAND, THE GRIM SUPER-SLEUTH CATAPULTS HIMSELF UPWARD TOWARD HIS UNCANNY ENEMIES...



THIS IS LIKE
SOME AWFUL
NIGHTMARE!...
HERE COMES THE REST
OF THE GANG... ALL OF
THEM SILENT... DEADLY
SILENT!



KICKING
OUT AT
ME!
TRYING TO
KNOCK ME
OFF THE
CLOCK--!



THERE'S NOTHING BETWEEN ME AND THE SIDEWALK ONE THOUSAND FEET BELOW! UHH!



BELOW, AT THAT MOMENT, IN FRONT OF THE LOOTED ANTIQUE SHOP...

THEY'RE GETTING AWAY! GOT TO STOP--SH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH BATMAN?

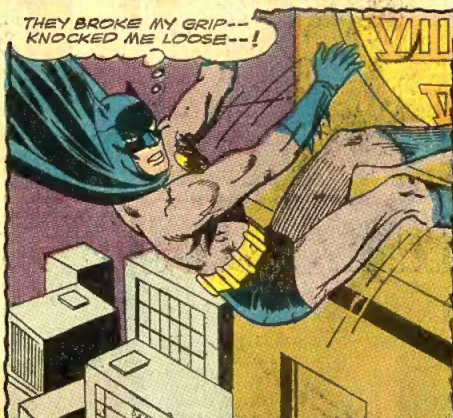
UHH UHHH...



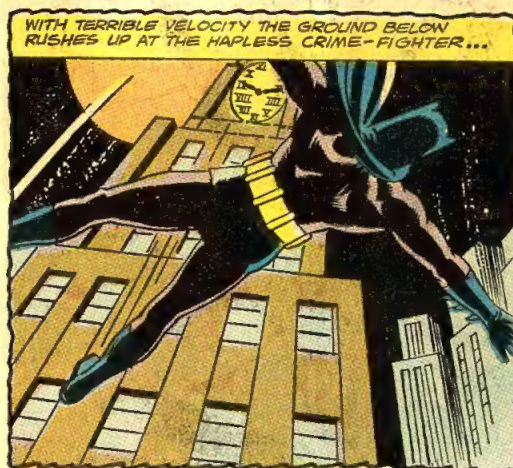
AS THE ANXIOUS BOY WONDER DASHES TO THE SIDE OF HIS STRANGELY-STRICKEN MENTOR...

UHH--NO!
No!!

BATMAN, SNAP OUT OF IT!
WHAT'S WITH YOU--



THEY BROKE MY GRIP--
KNOCKED ME LOOSE--!



WITH TERRIBLE VELOCITY THE GROUND BELOW RUSHES UP AT THE HAPLESS CRIME-FIGHTER...



THEN... ? Gasp!! CAME TO... JUST BEFORE I LANDED!
? Pant!! IT WAS JUST A KIND OF HORRIBLE DREAM--!

BATMAN, YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU JUST HAD A BRUSH WITH--
DEATH!!

? Pant!!
I--I--
DID!

NEXT DAY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS
IN THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE
DOCTOR...

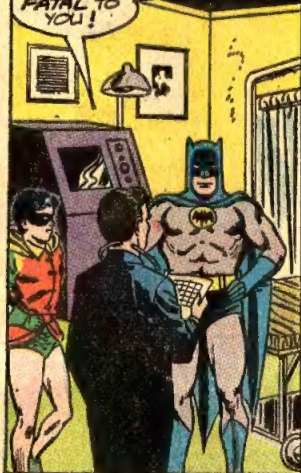
...AND I THOUGHT
I'D BETTER GET A
CHECK-UP, DR. HARRIS,
SINCE THAT DREAM
SEEMED TO HAVE
AN OVERWHELMING
EFFECT ON ME!

WELL,
PHYSICALLY
YOU'RE
PERFECT,
BATMAN,
BUT I'LL
TELL YOU
THIS...

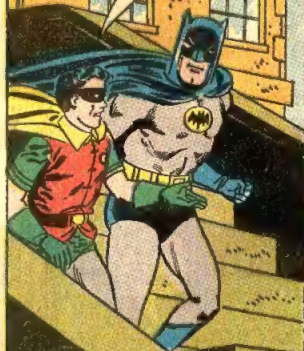
...MEDICAL HISTORY IS
FULL OF CASES OF
PEOPLE WHO HAVE
DIED DURING NIGHT-
MARES--CAUSED BY
SUBMERGED FEARS!
THEY THINK THEY'RE
DYING--AND THEIR
HEART STOPS! IF YOU
HADN'T COME TO
JUST BEFORE YOU HIT
THE GROUND IN YOUR
DREAM, YOU MIGHT
ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN
KILLED--EVEN
THOUGH IT ALL
TOOK PLACE IN
YOUR MIND!

IN OTHER WORDS,
IT'S MY DUTY AS A
PHYSICIAN TO
WARN YOU THAT
ANOTHER EN-
COUNTER WITH
THIS NEW
CRIMINAL--
THIS SO-CALLED
SPELLBINDER--
MAY PROVE
FATAL TO
YOU!

I
UNDER-
STAND,
DOCTOR!
THANKS!



THEN YOU'RE **NOT** GOING
TO LET DR. HARRIS'S WARN-
ING HALT OUR SEARCH FOR
THE **SPELLBINDER**,
BATMAN?

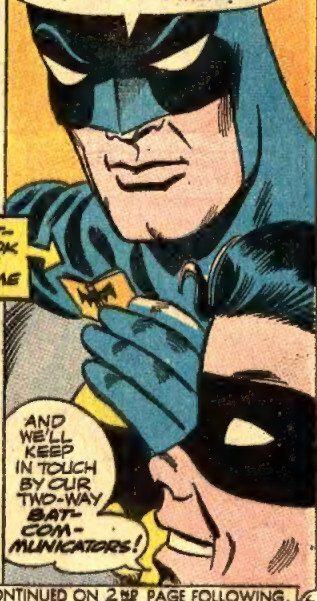


OF COURSE NOT,
ROBIN! THIS ISN'T
THE FIRST TIME I'VE
FACED MENTAL
DANGER!

I'LL JUST MAKE SURE--
IF WE MEET AGAIN--THAT
I NAIL HIM **BEFORE**
HE CAN MOVE INTO THAT
TRANCE-MAKING TRICK!
BUT RIGHT NOW I'M
MORE CONCERNED
WITH TRYING TO FIND
HIM! AND I HAVE
AN IDEA...



THERE ARE **TWO** FENCES WHO
SPECIALIZE IN LOOT LIKE RARE
COINS! YOU COVER ONE OF
THESE, **ROBIN**--AND I'LL
TAKE THE OTHER!



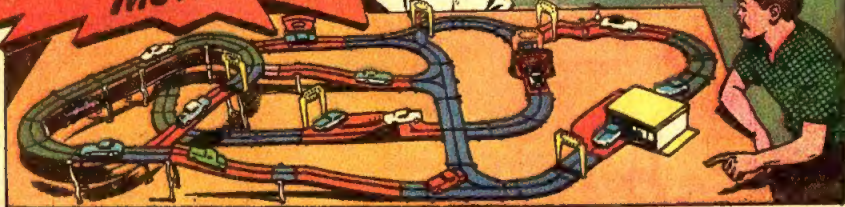
AND
WE'LL
KEEP
IN TOUCH
BY OUR
TWO-WAY
BAT-
COM-
MUNICATORS!

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ON the GO with MOTORIFIC!

FRED AND LARRY ARE TESTING THEIR MOTORIFIC CARS ON THE BIG, NEW MOTORIFIC TORTURE TRACK.

THESE ARE THE RUGGED TESTS ALL NEW CARS HAVE TO FACE.



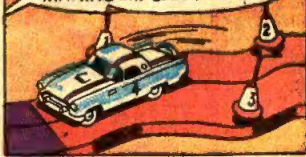
MY THUNDERBIRD'S REVVING UP ON THE HORSEPOWER TEST!



MY STING RAY'S IN THE MOTOR TEST...LISTEN TO THAT ROARING SOUND!



HEY, THE CORNERING TEST IS MAKING MY CAR DIZZY!



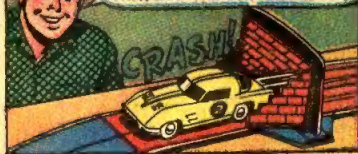
...AND WHEN THE CARS RACE OVER THE TWIN-LEVEL PERFORMANCE TEST...

WATCH OUT FOR THE HAIRPIN CURVES!



FRED AND LARRY QUICKLY SNAP TOGETHER A NEW LAYOUT, ONE OF DOZENS THEY CAN MAKE WITH THE TORTURE TRACK.

WHEW! I MADE IT THROUGH THE CRASH TEST!



LARRY'S CAR NEATLY SWINGS OVER THE SPRING TEST.

WOW! THAT WAS CLOSE!



PUT YOUR MOTORIFIC CARS TO THE TEST... ON THE NEW MOTORIFIC TORTURE TRACK!

Get on the right track... get the new MOTORIFIC TORTURE TRACK!

YOU CAN MAKE DOZENS OF DIFFERENT LAYOUTS! COMES COMPLETE WITH 6 GRUELING TORTURE TESTS, TRACK SWITCHES, SIGNS AND A SLEEK MOTORIFIC CAR.



LOOK FOR THESE TORTURE TRACK ACCESSORIES AT YOUR FAVORITE STORE. KEEP ADDING TRACK AND TESTS TO YOUR TORTURE TRACK FOR NEVER-ENDING EXCITEMENT AND FUN!

MEANWHILE ... TO TURN COIN INTO CASH,
THAT'S WHAT A FENCE IS FOR ...

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS--
I CAN'T GIVE YOU A PENNY
MORE!

IT'S
ROBBERY--
BUT WE'LL
TAKE IT,
DUNNE!



AS THE GREEN STUFF IS SWIFTLY DIVIDED...

SPELLBINDER, A QUESTION!
WHEN YOU PUT **BATMAN** INTO
ONE OF YOUR **OP ART** SPELLS--
WHY CAN'T WE KNOCK HIM OFF--
WHILE HE'S HELPLESS? IT
WOULD BE A SNAP!

LISTEN TO ME,
DOODLER!
IF WE KILLED
BATMAN--



--THERE WOULD BE A **MURDER** RAP OUT
AGAINST US! MY WAY IS **SAFER!** I'LL FINISH
HIM OFF-- BUT IN A WAY NOBODY WILL BE
ABLE TO PROVE A THING, SEE?



THEN, AS IF ON CUE, THE **CAPED CRUSADER!**

HUH? SPEAK
OF THE
DEVIL--!

YOU'RE PUTTING ME ON
THE **WRONG SIDE**,
FRIEND--

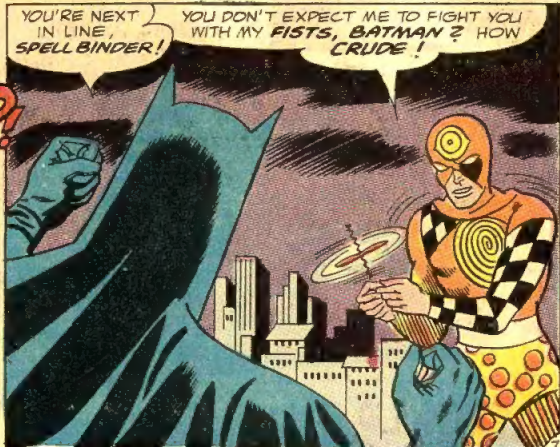


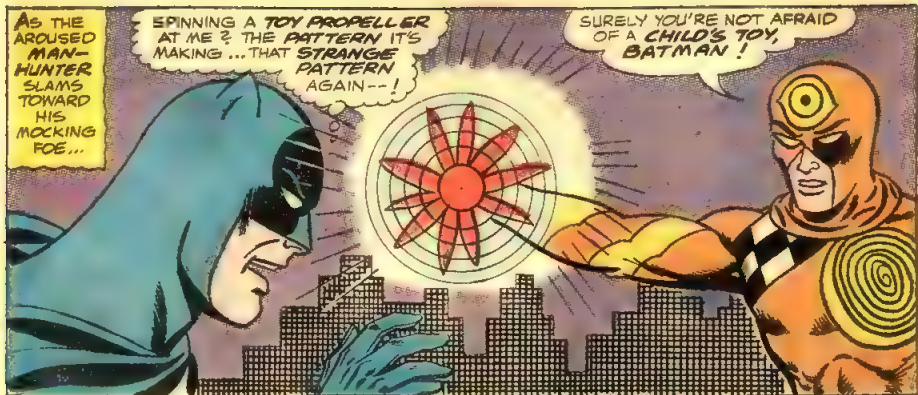
--I FIGHT
AGAINST
EVIL--
REMEMBER?



YOU'RE NEXT
IN LINE,
SPELLBINDER!

YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO FIGHT YOU
WITH MY **FISTS**, **BATMAN?** HOW
CRUDE!





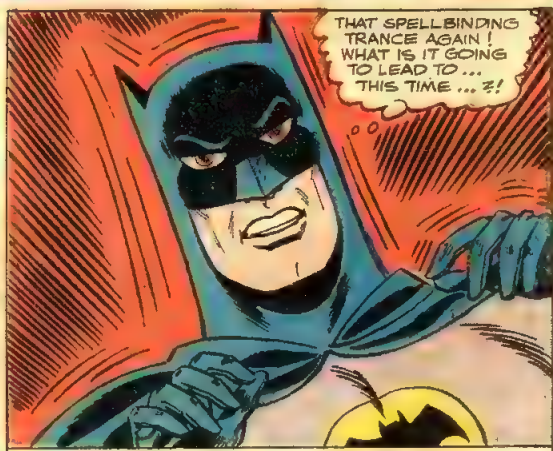
AS THE AROUSED MAN-HUNTER SLAMS TOWARD HIS MOCKING FOE...

SPINNING A TOY PROPELLER AT ME? THE PATTERN IT'S MAKING ... THAT STRANGE PATTERN AGAIN--!

SURELY YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF A CHILD'S TOY, BATMAN!



CAN'T LET HIM STOP ME! GOT TO GET AT HIM-- GOT TO-- UHH--



THAT SPELLBINDING TRANCE AGAIN! WHAT IS IT GOING TO LEAD TO ... THIS TIME ... ?!

STORY CONTINUES ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.

You asked for it... *The RETURN of O.G.R.E.!*

ONCE AGAIN, **AQUAMAN**, KING OF THE SEVEN SEAS, MUST LEAVE HIS WATERY DOMAIN, AS

O.G.R.E.

WORLD-WIDE TERROR COMBINE, HATCHES THE GREATEST KIDNAP PLOT OF ALL TIME!

See them pull it off in

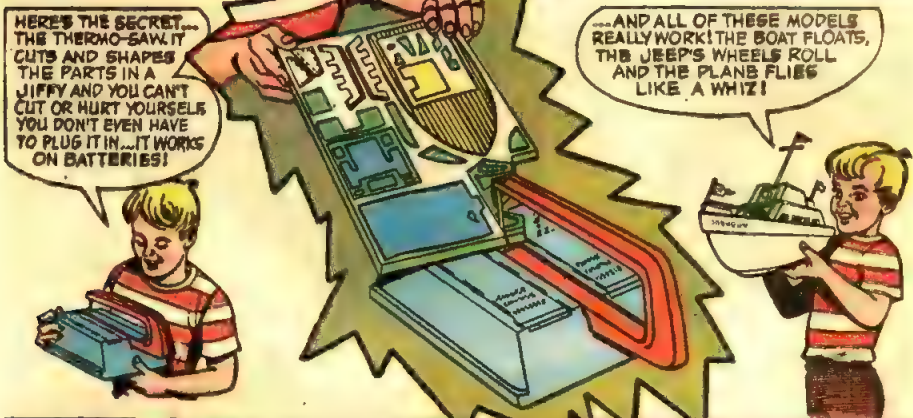
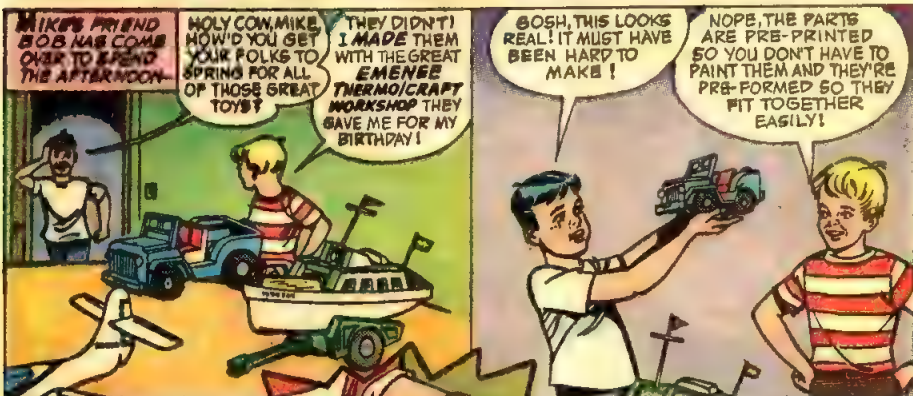
AQUAMAN

ON SALE NOV. 3rd



EXPERIENCE THE DC

MIKE'S TOY FACTORY... or "How I made it with my EMENEE thermo/craft WORKSHOP!"



FREE! KIDS, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH THE NEW EMENEE "DIAL-A-QUESTION" KWIZ KARD... AND SEE THE ANSWERS APPEAR IN A SPECIAL WINDOW! IT'S YOURS FREE... JUST FILL IN THE COUPON... AND SEND IT IN TOGETHER WITH A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO:
EMENEE, 41-06 DE LONG ST., DEPT. NG
FLUSHING, N.Y. 11355

NAME _____ AGE _____
STREET _____
TOWN _____
STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

The CIRCLE of TERROR!

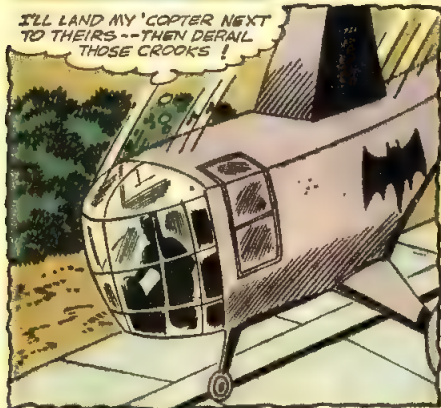
PART 2

IN BATMAN'S MIND
THERE IS A ...
CLICK!... AND AT
ONCE THE MASKED
MANHUNTER FINDS
HIMSELF HOVERING
IN THE AIR IN THE
BATCOPTER...

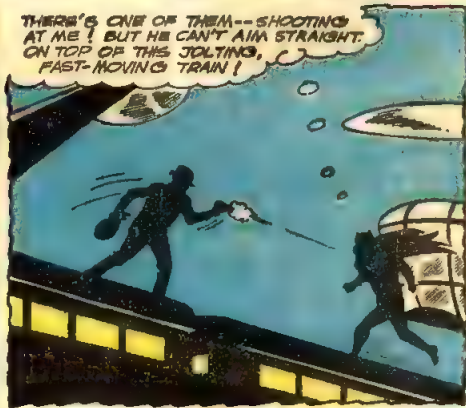


THE GANG
I'M AFTER
HAS LANDED
THEIR AUTO-
BIRO ATOP
THAT MOVING
TRAIN -- AND
THEY'RE
ROBBING
THE PASSENGERS
IN THE CARS!

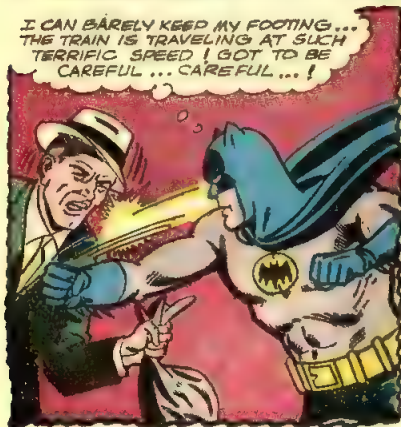
I'LL LAND MY 'COPTER NEXT
TO THEIRS -- THEN DERAIL
THOSE CROOKS!



THERE'S ONE OF THEM -- SHOOTING
AT ME! BUT HE CAN'T AIM STRAIGHT.
ON TOP OF THIS JOLTING,
FAST-MOVING TRAIN!

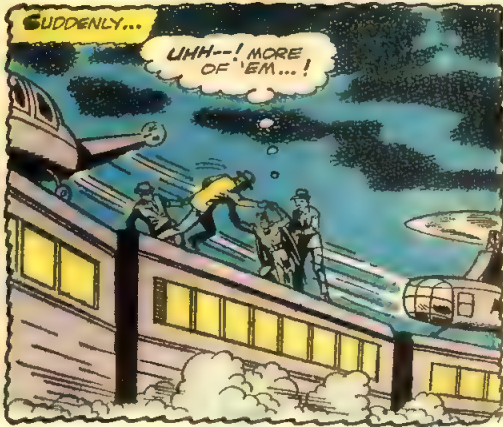


I CAN BARELY KEEP MY FOOTING ...
THE TRAIN IS TRAVELING AT SUCH
TERRIFIC SPEED I GOT TO BE
CAREFUL ... CAREFUL ...!



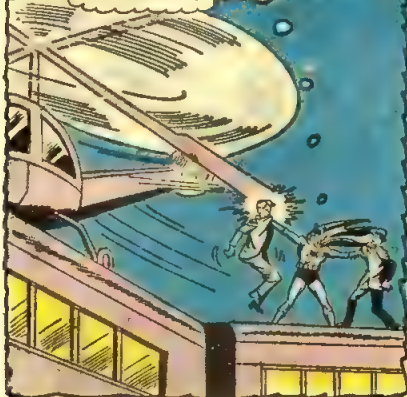
SUDDENLY...

UHH--! MORE
OF 'EM...!



AS MUSCLES OF STEEL UNCOIL IN MIGHTY REFLEXIVE ACTION...

THE ROTO BLADE OF THAT AUTO-BIRD IS MOVING SLOWLY ENOUGH SO THAT IT WON'T KILL THIS THUG--JUST KNOCK HIM OUT AS I HOLD HIM UP IN ITS PATH--
LIKE THIS!



NOW FOR THE NEXT--UHH!
I MISSED! HE'S SLIPPERY AS A SNAKE!



TRYING TO PUSH ME OFF THE TRAIN!?
G-GOT TO HOLD ON...

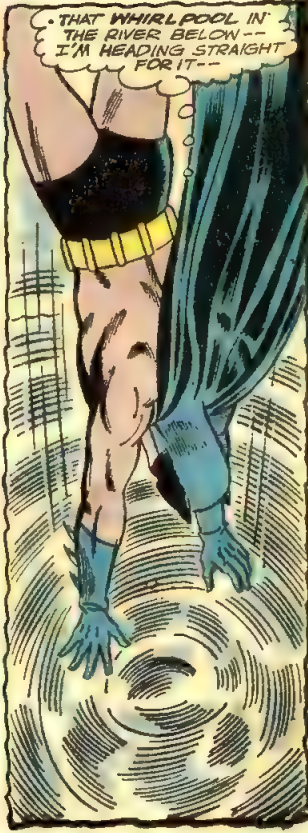


BUT THEN, DESPITE THE CONVULSIVE EFFORTS OF THE MASKED MANHUNTER...



I'M TOPPLING--
FALLING--
NOTHING TO GRAB ONTO--!

THAT WHIRLPOOL IN THE RIVER BELOW--
I'M HEADING STRAIGHT FOR IT--



INTO THE PERILOUS VORTEX PLUNGES THE HARRIED HERO...

THE CURRENT IS WHIRLING ME AROUND LIKE A STICK OF BOXWOOD! PULLING ME DOWN TOWARD THE CENTER--

I CAN'T SWIM OUT! GOING 'DOWN... AROUND AND DOWN! GASP! AROUND AND DOWN! CHOKES!



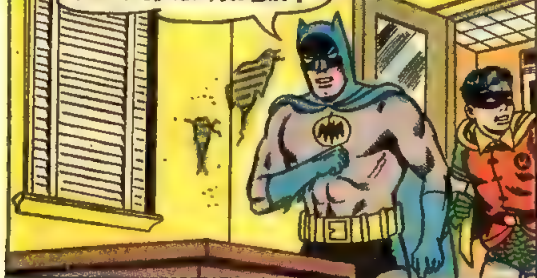
UHH...? Pant!! UHH... ALL RIGHT... I'M ALL RIGHT NOW, ROBIN! YOU--YOU SAVED ME--PULLING MY HAND LIKE THAT! I WAS GOING UNDER-- ALMOST DONE FOR--

THERE WAS NO ONE AT THAT OTHER ADDRESS YOU GAVE ME, BATMAN, SO I CAME HERE--TO FIND YOU CIRCLING AROUND AND AROUND WITH YOUR HANDS OUTSTRETCHED! I JUST GRABBED YOU BY INSTINCT--

GOOD THING YOU DID...!

WITH HIS MAGNIFICENT RECUPERATIVE POWERS, THE
ACE DETECTIVE IS HIMSELF AGAIN IN MOMENTS...

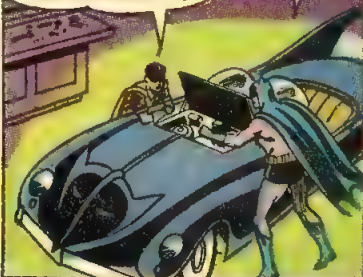
SO SPELLBINDER HAS WON AGAIN! HE AND
HIS THUGS GOT AWAY... AND THIS FENCE
THEY USED HAS DISAPPEARED TOO! WE'LL
NOTIFY THE POLICE--THEY CAN DEAL WITH
THE FENCE! IT'S THE GANG ITSELF
WE'RE AFTER, ROBIN!



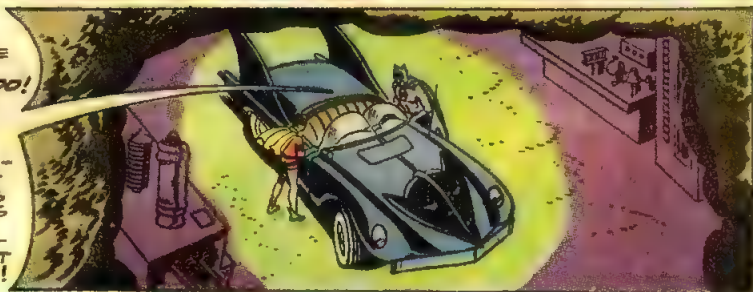
SOON AFTER, IN THE BATCAVE...

BATMAN, WHAT DID
DR. HARRIS MEAN WHEN
HE SPOKE ABOUT YOUR
SUBMERGED FEARS
BEING A THREAT IN
THESE STRANGE
NIGHTMARES--?

STILL
WORRIED
ABOUT ME,
SH, ROBIN?
WELL...

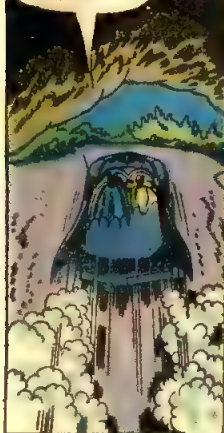


...I SUPPOSE
THE ANSWER IS
ALL OF US HAVE
DEEP BURIED
FEARS! ME TOO!
BUT I'M NOT
GOING TO GIVE
IN TO THOSE
FEARS! GIVE
THEM AN INCH--
AND THEY WANT
A MILE! THAT'S
THE WAY FEARS
ARE! GOT TO
FIGHT THEM--
LIKE WE FIGHT
CRIME ITSELF!



LATER THAT NIGHT
ANOTHER VIGIL GETS
UNDER WAY... A
GRIM ONE...

WHERE'S **SPELL-
BINDER**? IT'S
TOO MUCH TO
EXPECT WE'LL
RUN INTO HIM
AGAIN BY
CHANCE--



ELSEWHERE IN THE SLEEPING
METROPOLIS...

YOU SEE--I'M
NOT GOING TO JUST WAIT WHILE
BATMAN HUNTS ME DOWN!
THAT'S NOT MY STYLE! I'M
GOING TO BRING ON THIS
NEXT ENCOUNTER BETWEEN
US--THE **LAST**
ENCOUNTER FOR
HIM!

IT'S ABOUT
TIME,
**SPELL-
BINDER!**



A SKY-ROCKET! WHO'S
SHOOTING OFF FIRE-
WORKS AT THIS
HOUR OF THE
NIGHT?



HOLY
FOURTH
OF JULY!
WE'D
BETTER
FIND
OUT!

AGAIN
THE
BALLET
MOVEMENT...
THE
MEETING
OF THE
TWO
CENTRAL
FIGURES
ON THE
STAGE...
THE
INCIDENT
DEADLY
CLASH...

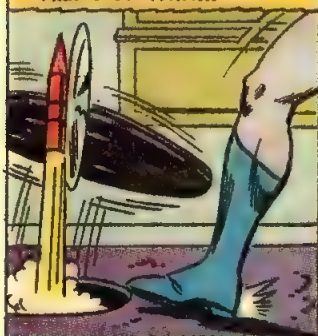
BATMAN-- YOU
CAME PROMPTLY,
I MUST SAY!

I WOULDN'T MISS THIS CHANCE
AT YOU FOR THE WORLD,
SPELLBINDER!

WE'RE KEEPING A CLOSE EYE
ON YOU, SPELLBINDER!
THERE'LL BE NO TRICKS
THIS TIME--

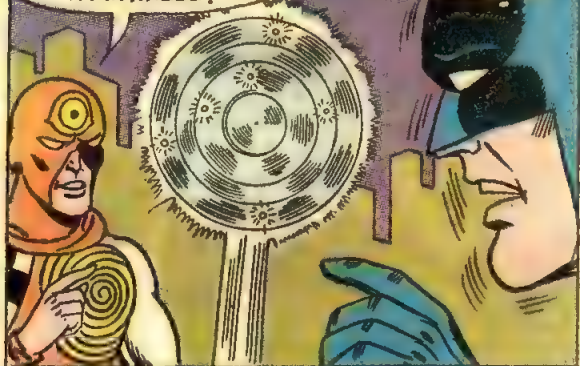


BUT AS THE CAPED CRUSADER
DASHES AT HIS Foe, HE UN-
WITTINGLY TRIGGERS OFF A
"BOOBY TRAP"--PLANTED BY
SPELLBINDER IN BATMAN'S
PREDICTED PATH...



I'VE PREPARED A LITTLE
ENTERTAINMENT FOR
YOU-- MORE FIREWORKS--
A PINWHEEL!

WHEEL... CIRCLE...
GOING AROUND...



AS IT SEEMS TO BATMAN, HE BLINKS ONCE...
AND WHEN HE OPENS HIS EYES...

...IN AN AMUSEMENT PARK?! I-I KNOW THIS IS
ANOTHER DREAM! BUT I CAN'T HELP IT-- IT
SEEMS SO REAL! AND THOSE FREAKS-- A CROOK
GANG SENT TO DESTROY ME-- LUNGING AT ME
OUT OF THAT HUGE ROTATING BARRELL--!



A PREY TO THE COMPELLING
ILLUSION, THE CAPED
CRUSADER EXPLODES INTO
MOTION...

COMING AT
ME FROM ALL
SIDES--!

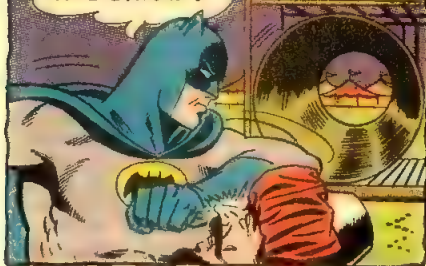




MY HEAD WHIRLING...THE INDIA RUBBER MAN PULLING ME APART--! THE SWORD-SWALLOWER DRAWING A SWORD FROM HIS MOUTH--! THE DWARF BATTERING ME WITH A SLAPSTICK...

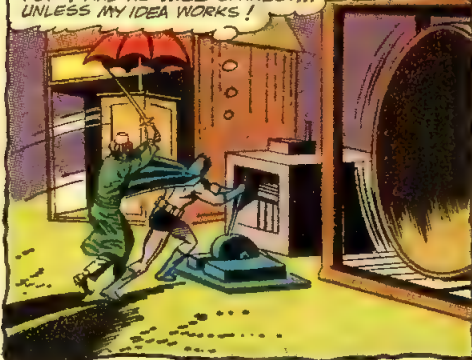
THEN, WITH HIS LIFE LITERALLY HANGING IN THE BALANCE, THE NEVER-SAY-DIE CRUSADER NOTICES...

THE BARREL--IT'S ROTATING CLOCKWISE--LIKE THE CLOCK IN THE FIRST DREAM--AND THE AUTOGIRO ROTOR IN THE SECOND! ALWAYS CLOCKWISE--LIKE A CIRCLE OF TERROR! SOMEHOW...I HAVE A FEELING...IF I COULD REVERSE THAT MOTION--IT WOULD CATAPULT ME OUT OF THIS DREAM!



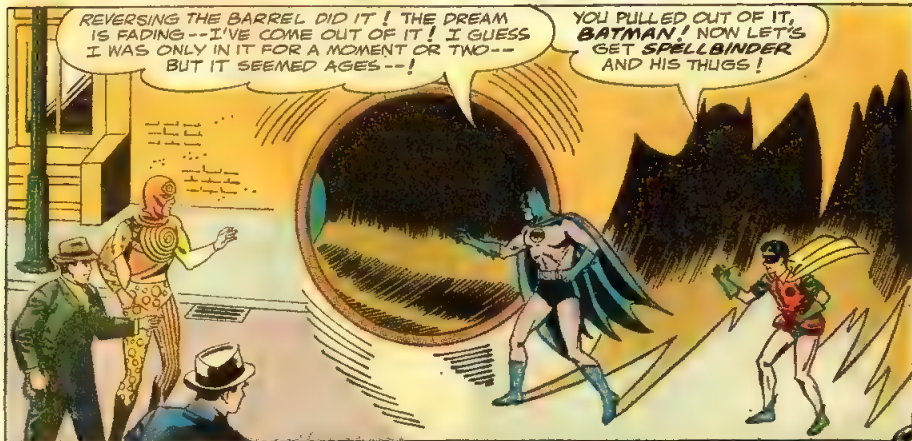
FIGHTING HIS WAY TO THE GREAT BARREL, BATMAN GRIPS THE SWITCH THAT CONTROLS IT..

Gasps: I'VE ALSO GOT A FEELING...IF HE CONNECTS WITH THAT SWORD...I'M DONE FOR! AND HE WILL CONNECT... UNLESS MY IDEA WORKS!



REVERSING THE BARREL DID IT! THE DREAM IS FADING--I'VE COME OUT OF IT! I GUESS I WAS ONLY IN IT FOR A MOMENT OR TWO-- BUT IT SEEMED AGES--!

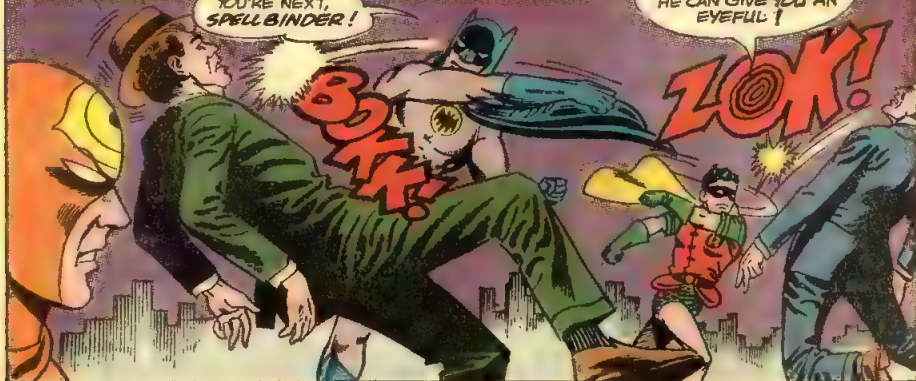
YOU PULLED OUT OF IT, BATMAN! NOW LET'S GET SPELLBINDER AND HIS THUGS!



THEN A HEADLONG ATTACK BY THE AROUSED **DYNAMIC DUO**...

YOU'RE NEXT,
SPELLBINDER!

GIVE HIM A HANDFUL,
BATMAN-- BEFORE
HE CAN GIVE YOU AN
EYEFUL!

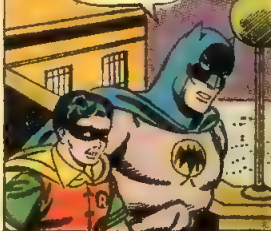


YOU WON OUT TWICE,
SPELLBINDER-- BUT
YOU TEMPTED FATE
ONCE TOO OFTEN!



AFTER CELL DOORS HAVE
CLOSED ON **GOTHAM CITY'S**
LATEST COSTUMED CRIMINAL
AND HIS COHORTS...

WE'VE GOT ALL THE DOPE
ON **SPELLBINDER** NOW,
ROBIN! HE WAS AN **ART**
FORGER--WHO DISCOVERED
THE TRANCE-MAKING
EFFECTS OF MODERN
OP ART--AND DECIDED
TO USE HIS TALENTS IN
DIRECT AND SPECTACULAR
CRIMES!



FOR A WHILE
THERE, **BAT-**
MAN, HE
HAD YOU ON
THE ROPES--
BUT YOU
SHOOK OFF
THAT LAST
SPELL--
AND PUT
HIM AWAY
FOR GOOD!

I HOPE YOU
HAVEN'T FOR-
GOTTEN, **ROBIN**--
WE HAVE ONE
MORE GO-AROUND
WITH **OP ART**
TO TAKE CARE
OF--!



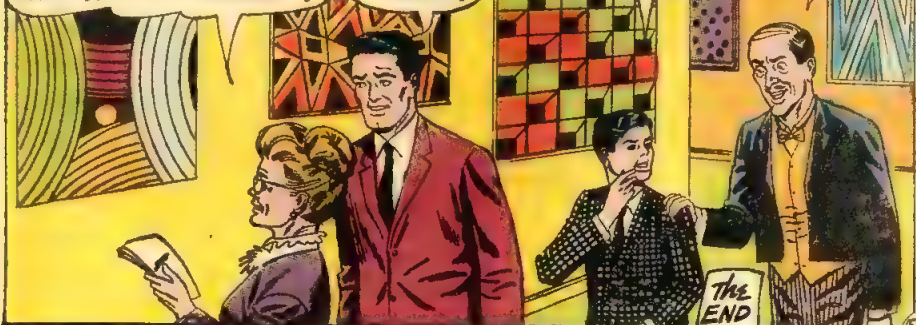
THE NEXT DAY, **BRUCE WAYNE** AND HIS WARD **DICK GRAYSON** ACCOMPANY
ALFRED THE BUTLER AND **DICK'S AUNT HARRIET** TO AN ELABORATE
OP ART EXHIBITION...

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU AND **DICK**
AREN'T ENJOYING THIS SHOW,
BRUCE! I LIKE IT IMMENSELY!

LET'S SAY...
IT HURTS MY
EYES, AUNT
HARRIET!

I HOPE IT DOESN'T GIVE
ANY OF US BAD DREAMS,
ALFRED!

OF--MY
SENTIMENTS
EXACTLY,
MASTER
DICK!



BATMAN'S HOT-LINE

Dear Editor:

There is only one adjective I know that is suitable for describing *Detective Comics* 354—TERRIBLE! No *Batman* story has ever been of lower all-around quality than this one was. The cover color scheme was awful, the inside art was at its lowest ebb, and the plot of the story was both puzzling and ridiculous.

It was the plot of this yarn that shocked me most. To read "No Exit for Batman," you would think that no thought or care went into its planning, that it was just slapped together as fast as possible. At the end of the story there were still a couple of loose ends to be straightened out that never did receive any attention and, as a result, made the story confusing. For instance, what ever happened to all of the loot that Dr. Tzin-Tzin had accumulated from the various different sources? Was it recovered? Does Tzin-Tzin have a secret stronghold in some other location, and if so, is he in league with others?

And another thing, what were Tzin-Tzin's motives for wanting to do away with *Batman*? According to the story he had not committed or even devised a criminal scheme for *Gotham City* so why would the evil doctor need to fear *Batman*? Besides, *Batman* does not usually involve himself in international affairs so he wouldn't have to concern himself about pursuit for the crimes Dr. Tzin-Tzin committed in other countries.

I'm glad to say though that this issue's *Elongated Man* story was as pleasing and exciting as all his stories usually are. I never cease to find thrills and suspense in his wretched adventures.

I truly hope that *Detective* 355 will make up for this issue's flop. I have faith in your ability and somehow, I feel it's to be rewarded. —Alan Trahern, Covington, La. (We deliberately began this issue's *Hot-Line* with above harsh slam as a contrast to the very same correspondent's lead-off grand slam letter in the previous *Hot-Line*—which was replete with such glowing adjectives as "sensational," "superb," "excellent," "tremendous" and "excellent." Perhaps to overcome the Dr. Tzin-Tzin objections and tie up the loose ends a sequel is necessary? In any event, not all *Batmanics* were off a similar critical frame of mind. Frank Klein, take the stand!—Editor)

Dear Editor:

An old hero never changes, not really, and true to the mode, so it is with *Batman*. Not even the renovation of the old to the new look could change him. In fact, all the change did (outside of making *Batman* a great out of a good hero and; in the words of another, saving him from oblivion) was to make *Batman* a pleasant mixture of what I understand to be Golden Age style and the modern characteristics that the sophisticated resident of *fandom* wants. *Detective* 354 is a good example of just that sort of thing.

The oriental villain was pure Golden Age, for everyone knows that the oriental type baddie was the mainstay in the comic writer's plot in the early '40's. Yes, Mr. Editor, I think that is what I like best about this issue. Oh, but don't think for one moment that I don't have that wonderful plot for "No Exit for *Batman*" in mind 100% of the time. It was just great. The absence of *Robin* was indeed warranted and I think added much more drama in the fight scene.

Bob Kane's art is really better. I remember when the artwork in the issues just before the introduction of the "new

look" was barely determinable. Even the inks were good this time. If Mr. Kane keeps improving, watch out someone!

After careful deliberation, I have decided on what I think are the proper views for the questions on the *Elongated Man*'s new costume. First of all, you must have had a good reason for changing his garb, and I'm willing to sit back and see what happens. Second, the remark about *EM*'s costume making him look like a clown is 'way off. The new costume perfectly characterizes Mr. Dibny's show biz background.

—Frank Klein, Webster Groves, Mo.

(Finally, to wrap things up in his "good guy" manner, here comes Guy Lillian—one, two, three!—Editor)

Dear Editor,

Six months or so ago, when I was very young, I began compiling a collection of what I then considered the most mysterious, exciting and weird tales I could find. No, I'm not talking about *Detective Comics*, for heaven's sakes... I speak of the accounts, written by Sax Rohmer, about the venomous activities of the insidious Doctor Fu Manchu, head of the Oriental army of cut-throats and killers, the *Si-Fan*, dreaded enemy of all decent, law-abiding people (that's so trite, it hurts) and forever doomed to taste defeat... but never capture... at the hands of his arch-enemy, Sir Denis Nayland Smith. I read these grand old yarns of evil and intrigue with satisfaction and excitement at the feats of derring-do and heroism Smith and his cronies used to thwart the malevolent doctor, ever conscious of the fact that, in the majestic person of *Fu Manchu* there was great character and a supreme sense of honor. I got the same feeling from the malicious medic in *Detective Comics* 354, Dr. Tzin-Tzin, who, while not half as good as Rohmer's terrific creation, still proved to possess the same qualities (?) of pure meanness to make him a worthy foe of the hero... in this case, *Batman*. It's too bad the story didn't come up to his potential.

Tzin-Tzin's tale, "No Exit for *Batman*," got off to a good start with a typical *Manchu* opening... the evil wizard confronting and destroying a wayward underling. It kept going in grand style while *Batman* and *Robin* began their investigation and started closing in on the villain. It clipped along excellently until the eleventh page... at which point it fell flat on its face. The fault for this must go to the writer, who was forced to hurry the ending... cram what should have taken four or five pages... into two and a half. The ending would have been much improved had the *Dynamic Duo* faced more potent opposition in getting to the evil doctor than a few two-bit thugs. As it was, Tzin-Tzin went to *Sing Sing* and so much for his image as a near-invincible menace who can hijack ships and planes without once wiping his forehead. I have a hunch this story would have done better as a full-lengthier in *Batman*'s own mag.

—Guy H. Lillian, III, Walnut Creek, Cal.

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CLARK KENT loses his **SUPERMAN** powers . . . marries **LOIS LANE** . . . and becomes the father of "CLARK KENT'S SUPER-BRAT!" Extra—a guest appearance by the **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA!** January issue, No. 193, on sale Nov. 1.

Get set for the shock of your life when **TOMAHAWK** is demoted down to the ranks, and a brand-new, snooty loopy becomes "THE NEW BOSS OF THE RANGERS!" February issue, No. 108, on sale Nov. 3.

WONDER WOMAN's greatest secret is out! Yes, her other identity is revealed in "THE SECRET OF TABU MT." Must the **AMAZING AMAZON** drop her **DIANA PRINCE** masquerade for good? January issue, No. 167, on sale Nov. 3.

SGT. ROCK of **EASY COMPANY** explodes into action in the January issue or **OUR ARMY AT WAR**, No. 176, when he receives a "TNT LETTER!" This battlefield blockbuster hits the stands Nov. 1.

O.G.R.E., the world-wide terror organization that nearly destroyed **AQUAMAN**, is back with a brand-new scheme to wipe out the **SEA KING**—and maybe the whole world. **tool February issue**, No. 31, on sale Nov. 3.

Can a dead man fire a weapon? **CAPT. STORM**, the daring **PT BOAT COMMANDER**, finds out—and so will you—in the blood-chilling "FIRST SHOT FOR A DEAD MAN!" in the **February issue**, No. 17, on sale Nov. 8.

What dark secret lies in **LOIS LANE**'s past? Why is she willing to pay off . . . and perhaps even **MARRY** . . . a **BLACKMAILER**, to keep him from revealing the skeleton in her closet? **January issue**, No. 71, on sale Nov. 8.

From our 28-year **SUPERMAN** archives, we bring you the most Sensational, Unusual, Puzzling, Exciting and Rip-roaring stories . . . to make up the most **SUPER 80 PAGE GIANT** yet! **February**, No. 193, on sale Nov. 10.

Are the **BLACKHAWKS** washed up? Are they really only a bunch of "JUNK-HEAP HEROES?" That's what everyone's saying, as the **MAGNIFICENT 7** face their biggest test. **January BLACKHAWK**, No. 228, on sale Nov. 10.

All the oceans are quaking, as the **SEA WOLF** strikes on the seven seas! Can anyone defeat him? How about the **SEA DEVIL**, in the **February issue** of their mag, No. 339. It'll be on the stands Nov. 15.

Does **JERRY LEWIS** have rocks in his heads? No, he's just hearing the shattering sounds of little **RENFREW**'s rock-'n'-roll combo. Even a mad mofster gets into the act—the **February issue**, No. 98—on sale Nov. 15.

Meet the wildest, zaniest, kookiest villain of all time! He calls himself the **MAD MOOD**, and he faces the **TEEN TITANS** in the **February issue** of the **JUNIOR SUPER-HEROES** mag, No. 7, on sale Nov. 15.

The ELONGATED Man

YOU LIKE PAINTINGS, YOU SAY? YOU WANT TO BROWSE FOR A WHILE IN AN ART GALLERY? WELL, DON'T PICK THE **YORK ART GALLERY**, BECAUSE ALL THAT'S ON DISPLAY THERE ARE A DOZEN EMPTY PICTURE FRAMES!

HOW COME, YOU ASK? WELL, THAT'S THE VERY QUESTION THE INCOMPARABLE **ELONGATED MAN** ALSO ASKS AS HE AND HIS TWITCHING NOSE SET OUT ON THE TRAIL OF...

The FAKER-TAKERS OF THE BAKER'S DOZEN!

“SIGH! IF ONLY I COULD CAPTURE YOU ON CANVAS, **ELONGATED MAN**!”

“THAT'S ABOUT THE **ONLY** WAY ANYBODY CAN CAPTURE THIS GUY!”



STORY BY
GARDNER
FOX

GUEST ARTIST
SID
GREENE

AN EXPECTANT HUSH FALLS OVER THE **YORK ART GALLERY!** SUE DIBNY'S HAND TENSES ON A DRAW-STRING ...

TO THINK ARTIST PETER BAKER IS MY VERY OWN DISCOVERY! WHAT A THRILL TO BE THE ONE TO UNVEIL HIS MASTER-PIECES TO THE WORLD...!



WHERE'S PETER BAKER?

I WANT A SHOT OF HIM POSING IN FRONT OF HIS "BAKER'S DOZEN" PAINTINGS!

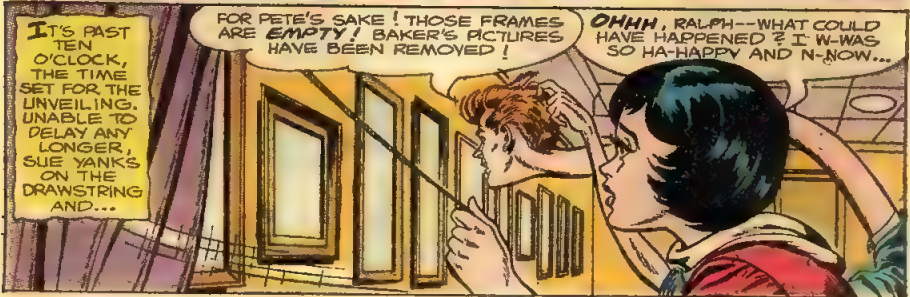
HE--ER--MUST HAVE BEEN DELAYED! HE'S A EUROPEAN, YOU KNOW--AND THIS IS HIS FIRST TIME IN **YORK CITY!** PERHAPS HE GOT CAUGHT IN A TRAFFIC JAM...



IT'S PAST TEN O'CLOCK, THE TIME SET FOR THE UNVEILING. UNABLE TO DELAY ANY LONGER, SUE YANKS ON THE DRAWSTRING AND...

FOR PETE'S SAKE! THOSE FRAMES ARE **EMPTY!** BAKER'S PICTURES HAVE BEEN REMOVED!

OH-H-H, RALPH--WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED? I' W-WAS SO HA-HAPPY AND N-NOW...

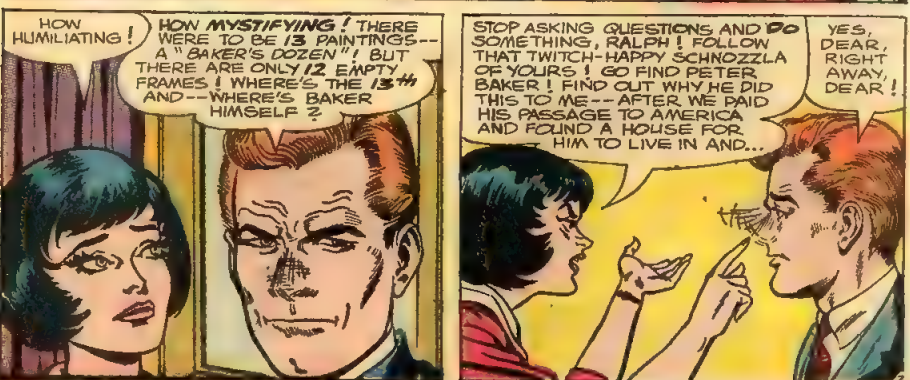


HOW HUMILIATING!

HOW **MYSTIFYING!** THERE WERE TO BE 13 PAINTINGS-- A "BAKER'S DOZEN"! BUT THERE ARE ONLY 12 EMPTY FRAMES! WHERE'S THE 13TH AND--WHERE'S BAKER HIMSELF?

STOP ASKING QUESTIONS AND **DO** SOMETHING, RALPH! FOLLOW THAT TWITCH-HAPPY SCHNOZZLA OF YOURS! GO FIND PETER BAKER! FIND OUT WHY HE DID THIS TO ME-- AFTER WE PAID HIS PASSAGE TO AMERICA AND FOUND A HOUSE FOR HIM TO LIVE IN AND...

YES, DEAR, RIGHT AWAY, DEAR!



SECONDS LATER, RALPH IS OUT ON THE STREET HAILING A CAB...

MY FIRST CHECK--POINT--THE HOUSE AT ARTIST BEACH WE ARRANGED FOR BAKER TO LIVE IN!

TAXI! TAXI! OVER HERE!

OVER WHERE SIR? YOU'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE!



MINUTES LATER, THE TAXI IS CAUGHT IN A TYPICAL YORK CITY TRAFFIC JAM...

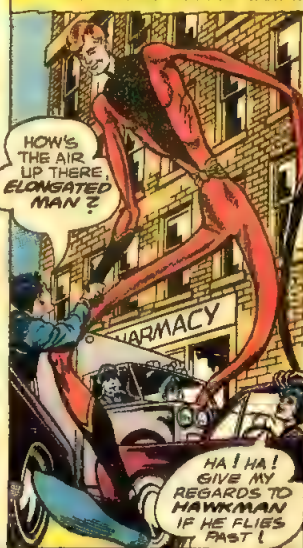
I CAN MAKE BETTER TIME ON MY OWN--AS THE ELONGATED MAN!

CABBY--HERE'S A TEN--SPOT! KINDLY BRING MY CLOTHES TO MRS. DIBNY AT THE YORK ART GALLERY!



THE ELONGATED MAN WAY OF BEATING A TRAFFIC JAM!...

HOW'S THE AIR UP THERE, ELONGATED MAN?



HA! HA! GIVE MY REGARDS TO HAWKMAN IF HE FLIES PAST!

SOON--OUT AT ARTIST BEACH--WHERE THE YORK CITY BRUSH-AND-PALETTE SET LIVES...

THERE'S THE COTTAGE WE RENTED FOR BAKER--THE DOOR'S OPENING! MAYBE THAT'S HIM LEAVING NOW--



PETER, YOU'RE LATE FOR--

IT'S THE ELONGATED MAN!

KEEP GOIN' GANG! GET BAKER'S PAINTING TO THE BOSS--



I'LL HANDLE THIS GLY--

YOU'VE GOT TO CONNECT FIRST! WATCH HOW IT'S DONE!



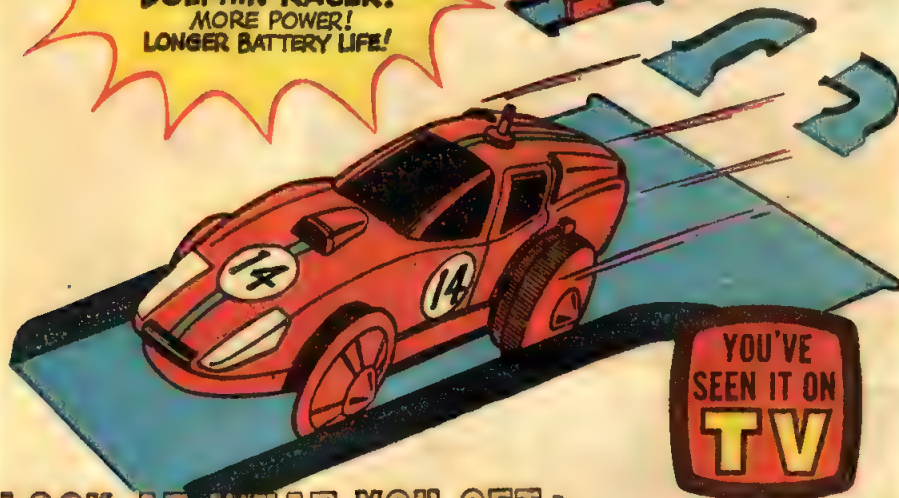
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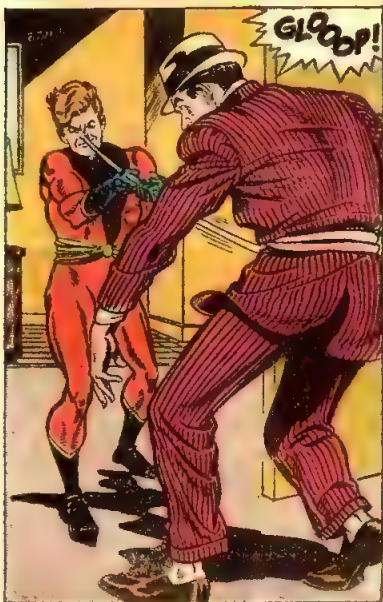
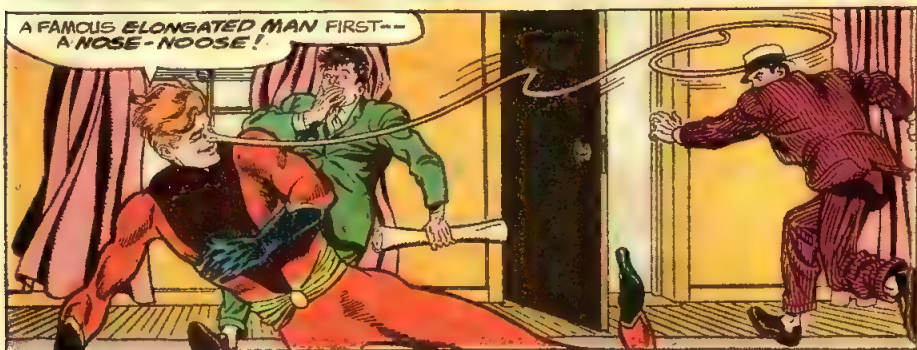
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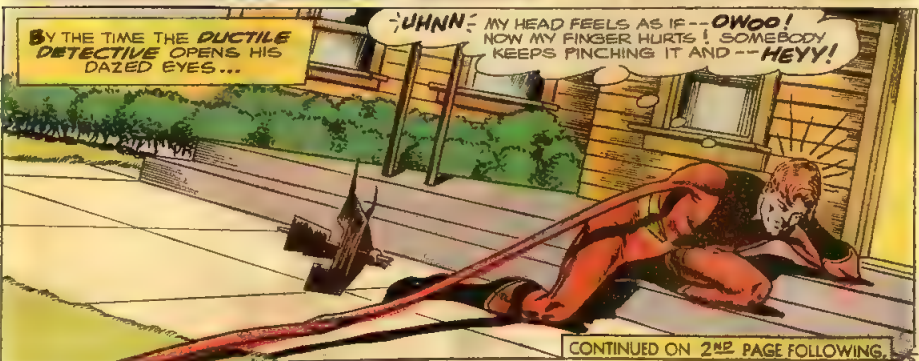
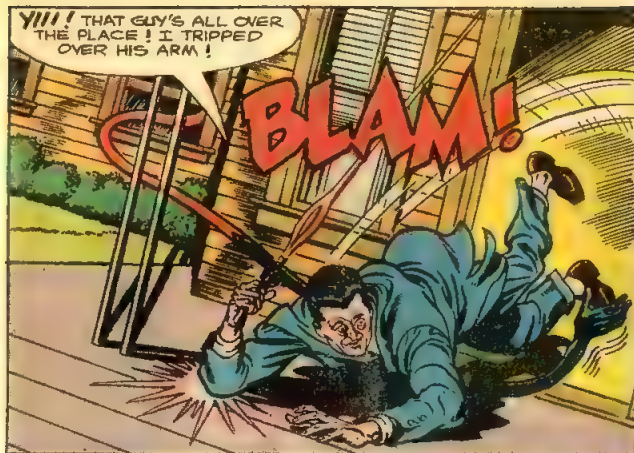


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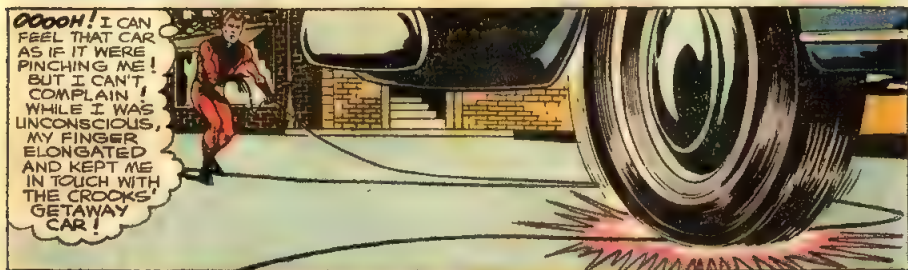
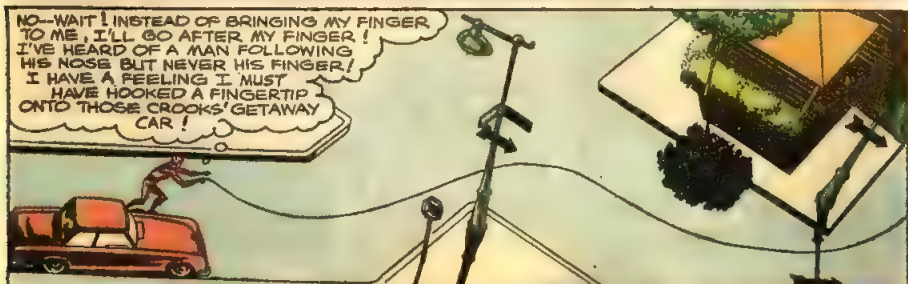
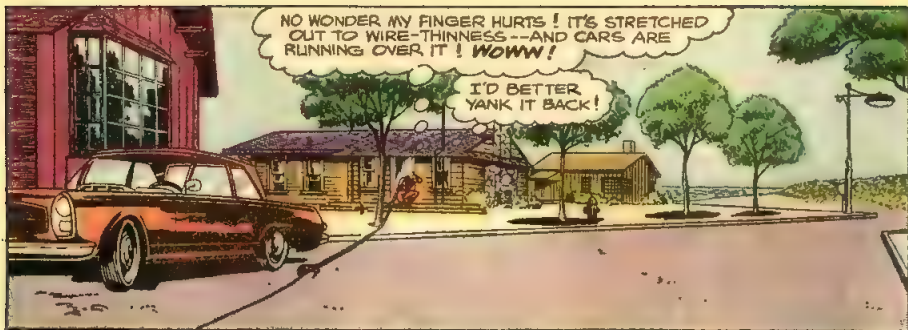
IT'S SO MUCH MORE FUN TO OWN THE VERY BEST!

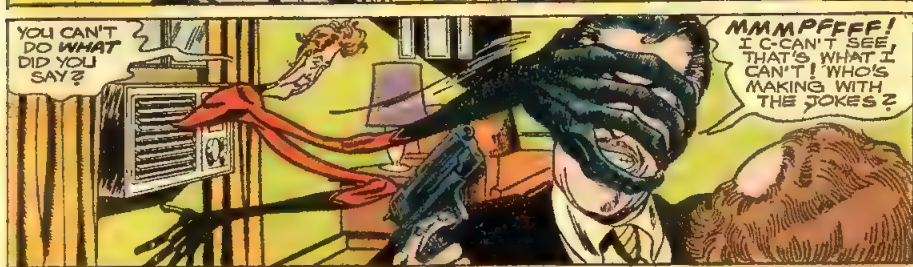
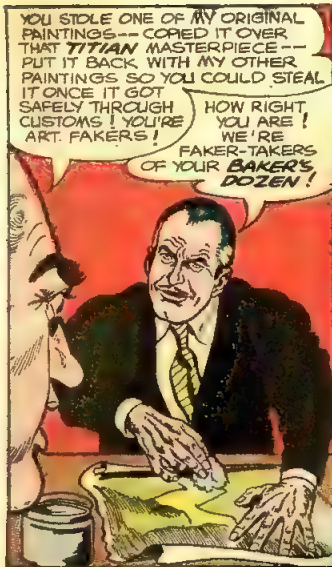
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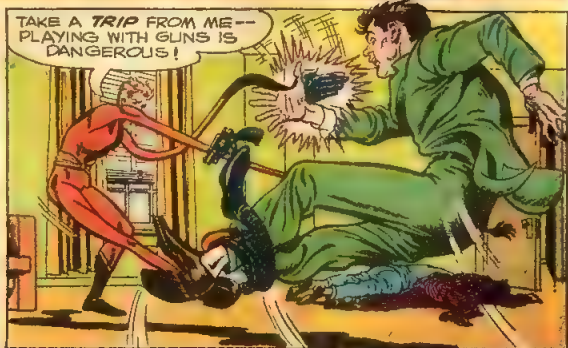
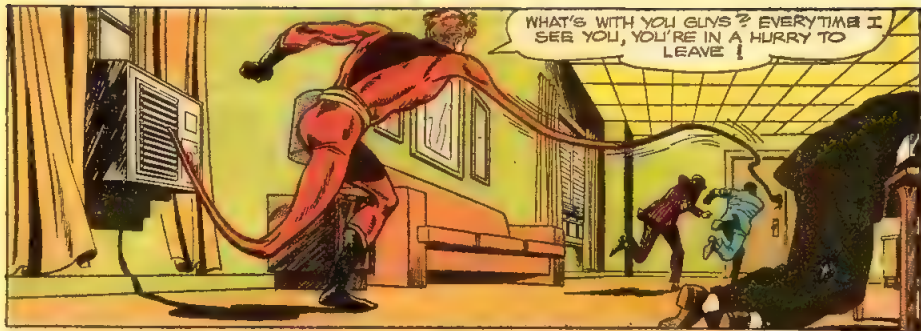


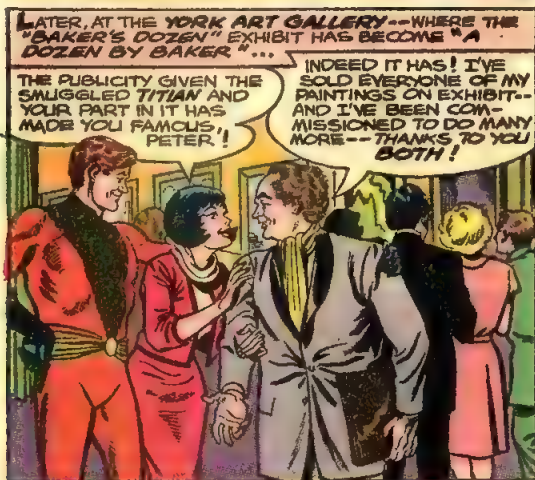
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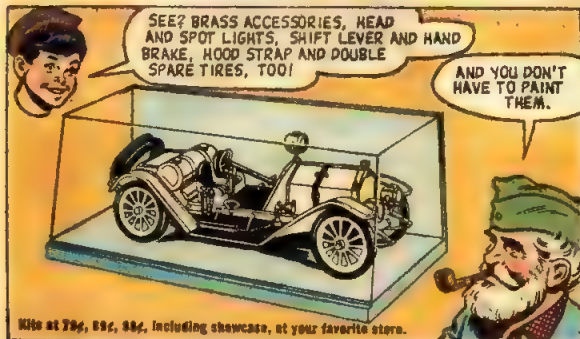
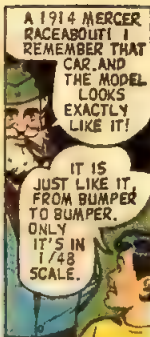
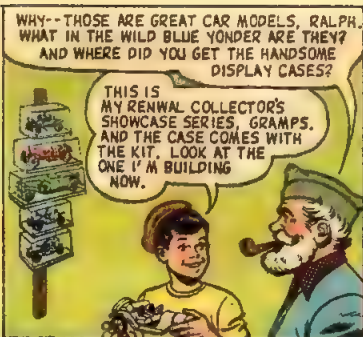




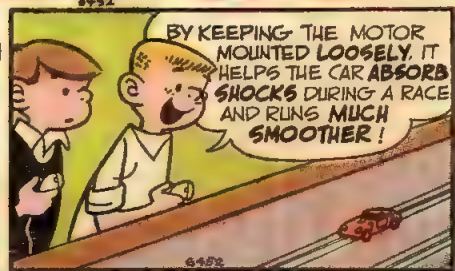
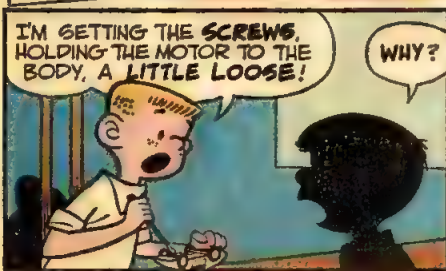


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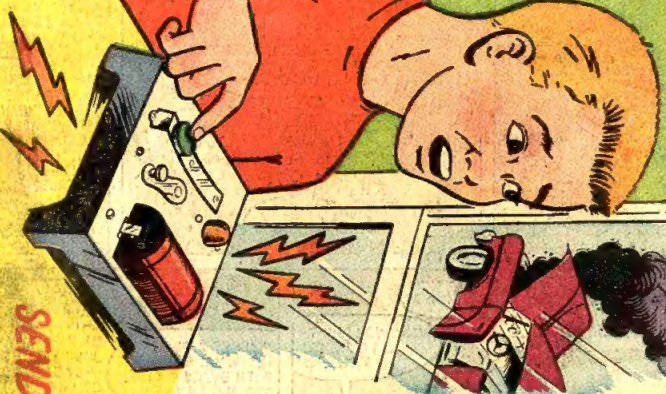
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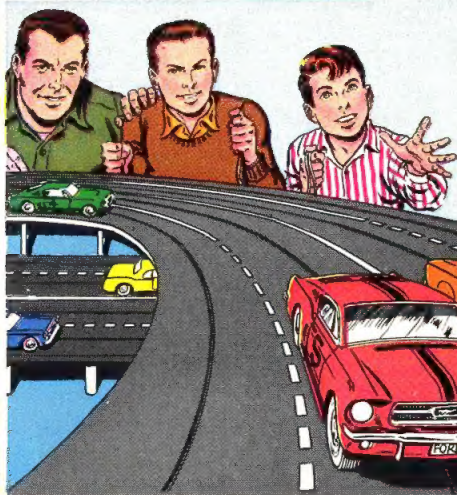
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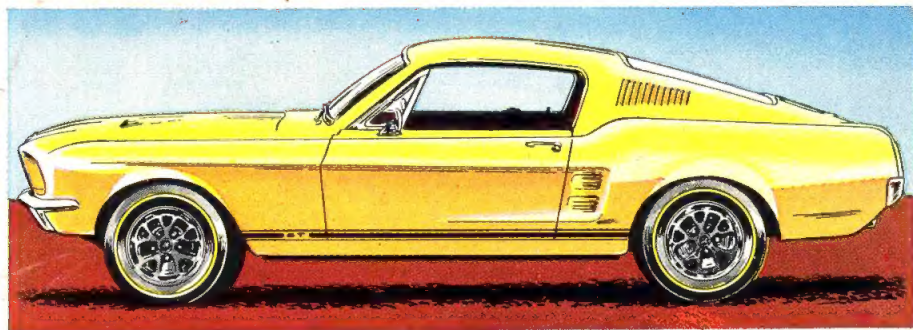


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